

NorPEN Executive Committee meeting

November 16, 2022, 17.15-18.30 Finnish time

Chair: Miia Artama

Present: Leena Saastamoinen, Maarit Leinonen, Miia Artama, Jari Haukka, Sirpa Hartikainen, Hedvig Nordeng, Lotte Rasmussen, Maurizio Sessa, Anne Paakinaho, Arto, Puranen, Carolyn Cesta

1. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

Minutes from last meeting in August 30th 2022 was approved.

2. Election of the new Executive Committee members

Finland

- Heidi Taipale, assistant professor, Karolinska Institutet, University of Eastern Finland
- Mika Gissler, Finnish Institute of Health and Welfare

Norway

- Jacqueline Mallory Cohen, researcher, National institute of public health
- Angela Lupattelli, assoc. professor, UiO

Sweden

- Carolyn Cesta, PhD, postdoctoral researcher, Karolinska Institutet
- Björn Pasternak, MD, PhD, Senior Researcher, Karolinska Institutet

On behalf of pharmacoepidemiological societies

- Lina Steinrud Mørch MSc, PhD, Group Leader, Cancer Surveillance and Pharmacoepidemiology - Danish Cancer Society Research Center
- Miia Artama, PhD, professor (tenure), University of Tampere

3. Change for register holder representatives, new members in Executive Committee:

New register holder representatives:

- Maarit Leinonen, MD, PhD, Project Manager, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare
- Heini Kari, PhD, MSc (technology), senior researcher, The Social Insurance Institution

4. Update for Educational group

Ideas/discussion:

- Which kind of educational activities do PhD students need?
 - Questionnaire to PhD students: if e-mail list is to be collected, could the addresses be collected with the questionnaire?
 - E-mail list. Messaging through research group leaders. E-mail list should be GDPR-proof. Could it be possible to access messaging through PhD Schools/programs?

First monthly meeting on October, seemed to be a success, next one December, Jesper Hallas is speaking there.

5. NorPEN 2023

Next NorPEN meeting is in Norway. They have established a working group and planning has started well, Jacqueline Mallory Cohen is responsible person for NorPEN 2023.

6. Future ideas and discussion points

- Should NorPEN EC name a person who would be responsible updating NorPEN website
- What is a role of NorPEN compared to individual research groups?
- Leena introduced Activities and responsibilities NorPEN 2023 document, upgraded from 2020 document (attachment). The following items were discussed:
 - What is a NorPEN paper; the definition of what a NorPEN paper is can be discussed at a future meeting. Lotte will collect papers; they need to be at least published online ahead of print.
 - Ongoing papers
 - Common data models and register holders: NorPEN should try to establish communication to societies / register holders. Should we ask register holders to participate in EC meeting? Or should we ask them to our new seminar series? We should share and acknowledge the common problems in Nordic countries.
 - Possibilities of data sharing.

7. Next meeting

The time of next meeting will be discussed later.